



Department of Public Health—Animal Care and Control (ACC)

Homeward Bound Mega Pet Adoption Event Finds Homes for Dogs and Cats

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Animal Care and Control (ACC) co-sponsored the 3rd Annual Homeward Bound Mega Pet Adoption event June 28 and 29 at Yucaipa Regional Park. The annual event is a collaboration between local shelters, organizations and vendors to offer low-cost adoptions, and veterinarian and health services to the community. Other partners included The Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley (HSSBV), Yucaipa Animal Placement Society (YAPS), and the Animals aRe First Fund (ARFF).

“The Homeward Bound Mega Pet Adoption event assists in meeting the health and social services needs of the County’s population and supports the Countywide Vision Statement where all sectors work collaboratively to reach shared goals,” said Brian Cronin, Chief Animal Care and Control. “This is done by building new and expanding existing partnerships among public agencies, businesses, and non-profit and faith based organizations.”

As a result of the two-day event, a total of 181 animals were adopted (60 from San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control), 182 vaccinations were given, 51 microchips were implanted and 62 dog licenses were sold.

Several of the adoptees were County employees that had no intentions to adopt. Roberta Wertenberg and her husband decided to attend the event after they missed a near-by train to the market. Much to their surprise, as they entered the tent with available cats for adoption they fell in love with a 10-week-old silver-haired Tabby kitten they named Micah.

“It must have been meant to be that we missed our train and came to this event,” Wertenberg said. “With over 80 cats to choose from in one location, we knew that we would be leaving with at least one new addition to the family.”

Though happy with the results, Cronin reminds us that “every day should be a Mega Pet Adoption day for the many homeless animals housed at County animal shelters.”

“If you, your friends, neighbors, or associates are interested in adopting a pet, please visit one of the County’s animal shelters located in Devore or Big Bear Lake or contact one of our rescue group partners to find the pet of your dreams,” he said.

For more information about ACC, please call the San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control program at (800) 472-5609 or visit www.sbcounty.gov/acc.

